

# DX News

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## CPC Test Calendar

Call	Freq.	Date	EST Time
WJSM	1110	Dec. 11, 1993	0000-0100
WCEI	1460	Dec. 12, 1993	0100-1
WNEZ	910	Dec. 13, 1993	0100-0130
WCCG	1270	Dec. 20, 1993	0000-0030
WDAS	1480	Dec. 20, 1993	0100-0200
WVNC	1370	Dec. 20, 1993	0300-0330
WVON	1440	Dec. 27, 1993	0300-0330
KQKE	700	Dec. 27, 1993	0330-0400
WALZ	1270	Jan. 2, 1994	0100-0300
WSTH	540	Jan. 3, 1994	0200-0230
WJIB	740	Jan. 17, 1994	0130-0200
WOC	1420	Jan. 17, 1994	0130-0230
WJIB	740	Jan. 24, 1994	0130-0200
WADV	940	Jan. 29, 1994	0230-0300
WTNI	930	Feb. 1, 1994	0200-0230

WCCG-1270 - P.O. Box 888 - Belmont, NC 28012. 0888 will conduct a DX test Monday, December 20, between 12 midnight and 12:30 am EST. The test will include Morse code and country music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Bruce Musso, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

WDAS-1480 - Belmont Ave. and Edgely Drive - Philadelphia, PA 19131 will conduct a DX test between 1:30 and 2:00 am EST Monday, December 20. The test will include Morse code, tones, and Black gospel music. From 1:00 to 1:30 am, power will be 5 kW; from 1:30 to 2:00 am, the power will be at 1 kW. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. William R. Sullivan, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

KWNC-1370 - P.O. Box 607 - Quincy, VA 98948-0607 will conduct a DX test between 3:00 and 3:30 am EST Monday, December 20, 1993. The test will include Morse code, tones, and "classic" music. Reception reports may be sent to Mr. Donald Lockwood, CE. Arranged by J. D. Stephens for the IRCA CPC.

DXAS member Jim Snowbarger, who arranged the WCAZ and KLTJ tests which did not run, reported that one station left the air before the test and the other was turned over to another owner who was

not predisposed to run tests. Economic factors brought on by the flooding this summer were given as the main reasons for the demise of the stations.

*From the Publisher ...* We've had a few copies of DXN reported as no-shows recently, and with the advent of the holiday season, a few more might get lost or delayed. Remember, I'll send you a replacement by return mail if you notify me by postcard or, if you're in a hurry, by phone. Should you receive a mangled issue or one with pages missing, there's no need to send the aberrant copy (I've seen everything, hill) just let me know (in Topex, see back cover) and I'll get you the missing issue ASAP. And ... don't forget that old copies of DXN will go to the recycling so get your requests to me by December 24 for any copies from Volume 57-60.

For those who collect current airchecks, \$300 will connect you with Media Dialup™, for more information, contact them at 3102 Tennessee Ave., Dallas, TX 75224, FAX (214) 330-7060. The system offers real-time station monitoring by phone, currently in New York, Los Angeles, and Dallas.

*DXChange ...* Chris Cuomo - 670 Third Ave., Verona, PA 15147, (412) 828-6376, from 5-10 pm EST, is looking for a carrier current AM transmitter and antenna coupler in working condition only ... Glen Swiderski - 19 Wills Drive - Buffalo, NY 82834, (307) 684-5496 is looking for a pair of ICOM I71LA's @ \$650 each.

## DX Time Machine

*From the pages of DX News:*

50 years ago ... from the Dec. 11, 1943 DXN: Frank Wheeler, Erie, PA, reported that he sent out 60 reports in the 61 days of October and November. Pat Kelley, Jamestown, NY solved the mystery of why he missed several recent DX programs: he caught his wife resetting the alarm clock to 6:15 am, adding, "This is not an alibi, either".

25 years ago ... from the Dec. 14, 1968 DXN: Dave Carlson, St. Louis, MO reported that after going nearly three years without a Nevada test that he got two in a row: KLUC and KENO.

10 years ago ... from the Dec. 12, 1983 DXN: John Clements announced that he was planning to import and sell the Marrens loop for about \$95.

# 2 AM Switch

**Jerry Starr**  
c/o WHOT Radio  
4040 Simon Road  
Youngstown, OH 44512-1320

Status changes in AM stations, supplied by the FCC and listeners

## CALL LETTER CHANGES

Old call:

1240 WACD PA Reading  
1280 WPMY NY Rochester  
1310 KRAM TX Dallas  
1340 KQEN CO Denver  
1350 WAVJ NC Black Mountain  
1400 KIXT CA San Luis Obispo  
1460 WKKV WI Racine  
1470 WNET CA Sierra Vista  
1480 WYEX SC Georgetown  
1580 KZKL NM Albuquerque

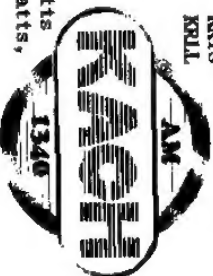
New call:  
W10W  
WHTX  
KTCK  
KCTD  
WZAR  
KIID  
WBAX  
KQXN  
WLMC  
KKIS  
KRLL

## APPLICATIONS/GRANTS FOR NEW STATIONS

None

## APPLICATIONS FROM EXISTING FACILITIES

800 KAGH AR Crossett: day power to 240 watts  
950 WCOV GA Valdosta: night power to 63 watts,  
antenna to U3  
1260 WMMN CT Westport: reduce night power to 200 watts  
(We find this rather mysterious, the Log shows their night power at 9 watts now. We suggest this is probably a reduction in their 500 PSRA rather than "night" power)



## GRANTS TO EXISTING FACILITIES

1540 WPRR PA Philadelphia: add 500 watts nights, antenna to U4, city of license to Bala Cynwyd, PA

## OTHERNESS

580 KJRK TX Lubbock: station is SILENT  
1030 WQSE TN White Bluff: station is SILENT  
1230 WQMJ GA Augusta: silent station is ON THE AIR  
1410 KTFM CA Longport: silent station is ON THE AIR  
1470 WCLA CA Claxton: station is SILENT  
1570 KLEX MO Lexington: station is SILENT  
1590 WKTO TN Jonesborough: OK, the suspense is over, we can all sleep well tonight. The official spelling of Jonesboro has been changed back to the original Jonesborough in keeping with the town's efforts to promote itself as a cultural and historic tourist destination. The Tennessee Department of Transportation now designates this place with the "ugh" and the USPS and various cartographers have just not caught up with the change. Thus endeth this saga.....finally!!!!!!

THANKS: Gregory Henson, Tom Bryant, Ed Kejny and MSJ. And thanks Gary Froemming WBTGAG for the ARRL Radiogram greeting!

73 and Good DX, *Dwight BKF* Jerry Starr & Buffalo K. Footman

# Domestic DX Digest

West: Bill Hale

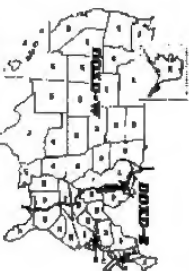
493 Creechview Drive - Meridian, ID 83642-3241

East: Dave Braun

11 Mill Bend Acres - Wyoming, DE 19934-9523

DX Catches in the U. S. and Canada, with 24-hr. EIT

(Division line is between West and Central time zones)



DDXD-W



RECORD YOUR JOURNAL



- ☐ Wow! Great conditions are making the start of this season a memorable one. So say almost all reporters this week. I don't think we've seen this many "new" stations reported so soon in a young season since I've been doing this column. Keep up the good work on the dial ... and reporting on those typewriters and computers. But don't cut your reports into "snippets." That makes me @.
- ☐ A good time was had by all. That's the word from *Ed Footman*, along with several others in *Rolla, Missouri* during a recent DX get-together. Another GTG is being discussed for this Spring in the St. Louis area. More details to come from Ed.
- ☐ Tom Gardner notes that on a recent trip to Anaheim, California, he heard only silence on 1390, although road signs advising motorists to tune there. See Issue 7 for previous data on this TTS. For those of you who are wondering what all this "Gardner" business is, here's the scoop. We keep track of who holds the distance record for each GY (1230, 1240, 1340, 1400, 1450, 1490) station. Plus, no matter if you hold any records or not, we print a seventh column with everybody's trials on each of these frequencies. To submit your GY loggings, just separate by frequency, in state and city order, and let me know whether you heard the station before or after January 1, 1960. My trusty computer figures the distances, and in a next future issue of DX News, the results appear. But remember, everybody wins in the Totals column, even if you don't grab any mileage records. These will be submitted in list form, separate from DDXD items. At one time I dragged GYers out of the DDXD column, but "caught back" from one member who didn't want his records in the books. That's all there is to it.

## SPECIAL

570 KENY UT Salt Lake City - New all-points format, including Utah Jazz basketball EC oddsies. (BA-ID)  
1030 WQSE TN White Bluff - 11/18 - Appears to be OKT again. Haven't heard them for about a week. Guess their *Phantom Radio* format was invisible to paying advertisers! (TB-TN)  
1290 WBYX NY Syracuse - Address all reports to: Tim Pauly, Contract Engineer at Log address or via Prodigy @ KRN581. (2B-MO)  
1490 KTRH MO Bolta - New NewsTalk. (2B-MO)  
1590 KMAC MO Bolta - 11/20 2346 - Excellent on 85 watts night power with weather forecast, CLE and NOB, Change from 222, and hours are 9700-4100. (2B-MO)

## UNIDs and UNID

1250 UNID - 11/20 0316-0356 - Heard about six long TTs during this time period, increasing in pitch each time. Called KVSU after their test, but the gentleman I talked to said my DX description didn't match their programming. Heard no CIDs or VIDs during the hour. Who might this have been? (BD-LA)  
1440 WMAX ME Bay City - Is Black Devil's UNID of 10/15. Now *Sportsack* 1440 with SEN, Red Wings and Pistons. (TS-MB)



77 - 0/29 2100 - With mansions of Florence, Missisville, *they have in*  
Darnestown, Maryland of Marvo County. Ad about *the best chicken this*  
side of the Mississippi. All this during a high school football game between the  
Billings and the *the winners*. Log suggests Mortonsfield, KY on I550, WM88, 15351  
and Irvine, KY. Rand McNally doesn't help. (W-DB) [Hey Sharaz, not that I  
don't appreciate hearing from you, but since you live in the Eastern Time Zone  
you're in Dave Brown's area now. But I will take those GT logs!]

## DX AND EQUIPMENT TESTS

MN Debut - 11/15 0106-0130 - Went in mix of WZZK/VDAF/AV/OD.  
 Moderate speed CIDs, consisting of 3 or 4 call groups with slightly higher tones  
 than past ticks. Heard at 0115, 0119, 0122, 0125 and 0128, and VIDs after 0119  
 and 0128 CIDs. KDAI, Ds/Ms. Carrier disappeared @ 0125. New. (TB-TV)  
 MN Debut - 11/15 0128 - Was ready to give up and tune out when 3 rapid  
 CIDs appeared at 0128, followed by VID. Tough getting around the huge signal  
 of KZSS. New for MN #32. (PW-CO)  
 MN Debut - 11/15 0106-0126 - In well on day pattern, as I thought they  
 would be. With music and fast CIDs. (OD-14A)  
 MN Debut - 11/15 0108-0130 - With others, C & VIDs. Disappeared in mid-  
 song at 0130. Over WTVN/WVBP. (KDF-E)  
 MN Debut - 11/15 0100-0130 - Not heard. (MS-CA) Nothing heard. (PA-ID)  
 MN Debut - 11/21 0136-0158 - Poor with TT and CIDs. (KDF-E)  
 IA Debut - 11/21 0131 - Not heard. Just KRMG/CBL. (MOCKING)  
 heard. KCBW dominant. (FA-ID)  
 WI Debut - 11/6 0015-0045 - Nothing heard. (PA-ID)  
 WI Debut - 11/14 0110 - Test, not heard. Only usual mix of  
 WYVC/CBW/WYAT/XET. Heavy Tsimon QREN. (TB-TV) Not heard. Only  
 CBW/XET/parially-mixed KRKS. Logged about a decade ago - vende said they  
 were using 9 watts. (PW-CO)  
 IL Debut - 11/21 0230-0300 - Nothing heard. (PA-ID)  
 VA Debut - 11/6 0306 - Mostly stop frequency with CIDs, march music at  
 0307 and VID. Gave address and mentioned IRCA. (MS-CA)  
 VA Debut - 11/6 0305 - Went with CIDs mixed under Philby. Second  
 Washington logging here and my 1000th station in the Iowa City logbook, which  
 began on 9/26/87 with WKBF-1770. (RD-LA)  
 OK Debut - 11/22 0330-0400 - Fair signal. Heard ten minute section of  
 several CIDs, with a different pitch used every time. (FA-ID)  
 OR Debut - 11/22 0500-0529 - Heard. Still used Oregon. (RD-LA)  
 VA Debut - 11/20 0334 - Noise with ORN from KTM/S/HOT/CED.  
 Numerous CIDs/VIDs. Music *When Johnny Comes Marching Home*. (MS-CA)  
 VA Debut - 11/20 0332 - Poor with tones and CIDs coming through  
 WEND/WREN. (EB-MO)  
 VA Debut - 11/20 0300-0400 - Fair signal with march music, several CIDs  
 and talk of test for IRCA and BGS DXing hobby. (FA-ID)  
 MI Debut - 11/15 0130-0200 - Announcement with 3-day weatherwatch @ 0130  
 then 1st CID @ 0133 sent once. Only other CID noted was at 0135. Very Au-  
 roradominant as W/R almost wiped out. Heavy QRM from WKBF and KZSS.  
 New. (TB-TV)  
 MI Debut - 11/15 0130-0158 - Silence in several CIDs during talk show. Not  
 needed, but not often heard here. (RD-LA)  
 MI Debut - 11/15 0157 - With CID noted after regular ID. Also heard  
 during regular schedule before 0130 test start time. (KDF-E)  
 MI Debut - 11/15 0130-0200 - Heard some code from 0130-0135, but too  
 weak to make out. (FA-ID)  
 MI Debut - 11/15 0131 - No dice. (PW-CO)  
 CT Debut - 11/22 0530-0600 - Nothing heard. CEAY and KSTP fighting it  
 out. (FA-ID) Nope. KSTP muted the channel. (RD-LA)  
 MA Debut - 11/1 0300-0400 - Not heard. (MS-CA)  
 MO Debut - 11/20 0101-0113 - Lo and behold, KCCL for some strange  
 reason, was on low power until 0113 and I was able to snag a couple of CIDs out  
 of KLTI. 1360 KZ. (RD-LA)  
 MO Debut - 11/20 - Not heard. Just WYVD/WQEW/WDAD AC (KCI77).  
 (EB-MO) Tried for, but not heard. (BME-TX)  
 PA Debut - 11/13 0100 - Not heard, only KOSZ/CKT/Aompa others.  
 (PW-CO) Nothing heard. (FA-ID)

## JES &amp; WHODAY?

77 - 11/23/16 - Heard on business trip to Houston at various times during the evening while driving to/from airport/restaurant, etc, but never heard an ID or other clues. Severe T-talmon and urban noise make reception very difficult. Reception was better in Tulsa (BW-OK)

77 - 11/24/017 - Very weak audio, sounded like a male voice, into instrumental music. 0018 at better signal strength, but still very weak. Any queries reported here or other stations testing? (BW-OK)

1656	0171
1657	KA96
1663	B468

77 -1123 2400 - Code ID preceded by tone lasting about 1 second. This  
77 repeated three times and gone. (BW-OS)  
77 -1123 0004 - With code, measure of last two characters due to fades  
and noise. Could have been "1P" or "2R" or something else. Repeated three  
77 times and gone. (BW-OS)  
77 -1123 2127 - With code "ID" preceded by tone lasting about one  
second (like the 1636 logging), repeated three times and gone. (BW-OS)

## MIDNIGHT TO 0600 HOURS ET

559	WLVA	OR - Chetnam - 10/30 0814 - With ad for Billie Auto Service Chetnam, then weather. Into other <i>Body</i> , the <i>Yourn</i> . CT. Week. New. (SW-MO)
560	CKWW	ON - Windsor - 11/15 0210 - With MoVL, station promo, several IDs. First time heard here. (KDE-IL)
629	KSTK	CA - Rancho Cordova - 11/20 0635-0715 - Good with telephone talk-back program. After a promo for rebroadcasting <i>The Fairfell Hour</i> for 30th anniversary of President Kennedy's death, announcement 7-7-04 STE. KSTK Rancho Cordova Sacramento into ABC News. (AM-WA)
670	KWXL	AR - Conway - 11/15 0747 - C&W tune. 0736 ARN sports feature. Mention of <i>Aftersun Great Outdoors</i> , maybe a program name. Poor in WMAQ/XETOR partial null. Eventually lost to KBOI. Trying to clean up on 670 before KMVP hits the air (hopefully never). (SW-CO)
680	KNRR	CA - San Francisco - 11/21 0058 - Good with Golden State Warriors vs Seattle SuperSonics basketball. (MOD-TX)
700	KCEV	TX - Tomball - 11/24 0735 - Looking for Jamaica, and this came up with three morning drive dubs who were "wey" too happy for this time of day... losta Houston traffic reports. (RS-MO)
750	CKGB	ON - Timmins - 11/15 0150 - On top with WSR, with <i>Today's Hot New Country</i> . 750 CKGB. Never heard before at this time. (KDE-IL)
810	WGV	NY - Schenectady - 11/25 0359 - With <i>Best of Rush</i> . ... clear ID into CBS News. In tight KCMO null... losta fading, but worth the wait. (RS-MO)
880	KAYN	NE - Lexington - 11/22 0707 - Poor with South Dakota and Nebraska weather and forecast (for snow). Poor through the crown. Rat here. (SW-OR)
970	WAVG	KY - Louisville - 11/21 0228 - With NOS, local ads and <i>W ave</i> 970 IDs. Good over WMAQ/KRCCO. (EB-MO)
1090	CKRX	AB - Lethbridge - 11/20 0335-0355 - Good with program <i>Oversight</i> . ID: 1090 CKRX, Southern Alberta's best rock. KING off for a while. (AM-WA)
1140	CFXL	AB - Calgary - 11/14 0739 - With local ads, <i>XL-1140</i> adlogs and back to <i>Coast to Coast</i> syndicated program. Pressure CFXL, ex: CFXX. Fair with KQEM CRM. (SW-CO)
1170	KLOK	CA - San Jose - 11/16 0500 - Faded up for ID in SE at :30 <i>This Is KLOK</i> 1170 AM. San Jose-San Francisco. (MS-CA)
1210	KEER	CA - Berkeley - 11/6 0400 - With ID 1210 KEER Rockin', 89.9 KEER <city?>. PSA on education system into <i>Unfinished</i> . (MS-CA)
1230	KLAV	NV - Las Vegas - 11/14 0754 - With ads and... <i>lado en KLAV</i> , <i>Doce Trifeno AM</i> , <i>la frecuencia de los exitos en Las Vegas</i> . Latest <i>es Talk</i> . Don't know if a format change or just a Sunday SS program. (PR-CO)
1240	K9UT	CA - Sacramento - 11/20 0500 - Dominant tonight with ID <i>K9UT Sacramento</i> + MBS News. Then <i>Twist and Shout</i> by the Beatles with female DJ. (MS-CA)
1250	WHEN	K8 - Tampa - 11/21 0933 - With U.S. Radio Network News, ad for the Excel 1000 Headline Aid, CTS and Southern GOS. Good in WTKR null while looking for KWSU test. (EB-MO)
1270	KENS	TX - Fort Worth - 11/25 0200 - With SS talk show, <i>Jesse giggling</i> ... clear send ID at :00 for KENS Port Worth. <i>Dollars</i> . The old Texas pipeline just keeps rumbling into MO. (RS-MO)
1300	KVCK	AR - Searcy - 11/15 0230-0215 - Announcer Jay Hawkins... I <i>Quit</i> 99 PM. New. (TD-TX)
1310	KVVA	NM - Albuquerque - 11/1 0454 - Physically above with song 26 Miles, then instrumental. ID <i>Memory</i> 1310 AM KVVA - 1310 KIVA A <i>Deportes</i> . CNN News and ad for Bolson Centre. (MS-CA)
1340	KZNG	AR - Hot Springs - 11/13 0431-0433 - Up with <i>Just Gayland</i> singing <i>Somebody Over The Rainbow</i> + AM 1340 KZNG <i>Great Times</i> . [Ed]
1690	KXUT	NI - Lost in jumble at 0433. (AM-TX) (KZNG) (KZNG) - [Ed]
1690	KXUT	NM - Redondo Down - 11/15 0301 - In & out of CRM with C&W music. <i>KRUL</i> , your Number One choice in Country Music, 24 hours-a-day. (SW-CO)
1550	KQWB	ND - West Fargo - 11/1 Modest - <i>Pushing</i> song by Randy Travis, then legal ID <i>KQ Country</i> , <i>KQWB West Fargo</i> Fargo. AP News, ad for the insurance, then song <i>Two Of A Kind</i> . In loud and clear for 5 minutes. ND #1 for me - report sent. (MS-CA) (Great catch - Ed!)
1600	KATZ	WA - Vancouver - 11/14 0540-0555 - Good with CNN Headline News and ID: <i>KVAN Orange County</i> . <i>Stunt</i> station is now back with <i>unavailable</i> . (AM-WA)
1600	KATZ	MO - St. Louis - 11/21 0225 - Good-odd over others with <i>The Legendary AM</i> 1600 <i>KATZ</i> ID and U.C. Local KMOZ-1590 off. (EB-MO)





## DDXD-East

## NEWS AND VIEWS

Thanks to Ron Bailey for the map showing Richland, MS, following my comments of a couple of issues ago on WVDK-720. Turns out it is in my *Rand McNally*, but not in the index, so I didn't know where to look!

John Maloney says that his log of WSEV-930 in *DX News* No. 7 was of them testing. That was on 10/4 at 0116.

Some excellent DX is included this week, great catches still seem to be going around through mid-November. And thank you all for the kind holiday wishes.

## SPECIAL

**980 WBZK** SC York - 11/19 0300 - Atop with AM-FM sign-on, format announced as "Oldies and beach" and into Elvis' *His Latest Flame*. Leaves five unhearts here from the Palmetto State. (SF-TN)

**WBZK** SC York - 11/19 1710 - With *Monster Mash* by Bobby "Boris" Pickett and "Classic Oldies WBZK" call ID and brief weather report. Log says CW. (REH-ON)

**1000 WMYT** IL Chicago - 11/16 1853 - With ID as "Sports 1000 WMYT", Ohio State vs. Wisconsin football. 11/7 0300 - With classic rock, ID as "WLU 97.9" obviously simulcasting their FM. Not 24-hour sports, unless listening to beer-swilling 70's-era heavy metal rock is considered a sport! (MB-ON)

**1170 WMLB** GA Cumming - 11/20 1727 - Briefly with "1170 WMLB" call ID and ad for *The Downsville Pool Room*. Ex-WHNE. (REH-ON)

**1590 WASB** NY Brockport - 11/21 0005-0035 - Heard playing non-stop hymns. ID at 0030 said just that and gave call letters. (RM-CT) (No longer 2400 sign-off as in log? - db)

## DX TESTS

**610 KDAL** MN Duluth - 11/15 0100-0130 - Tentative on test with code IDs barely audible under WIP at 0106, 0111/4, 0116/4, 0122 and 0125/4, code IDs very rapid, report sent. (RA-MA)

**KDAL** MN Duluth - 11/15 0105-0130 - Very good with WIP/WTYN QRM. Oldies, ID "AM 610 KDAL Duluth-Superior", no sign-off, switch back to directional pattern. (RM-PA)

**KDAL** MN Duluth - 11/15 0100-0130 - Unneeded but noted in passing with voice ID and OLD in WTYN null. (REH-ON)

**KDAL** MN Duluth - 11/15 - Not heard. (RM-CT)

**740 KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 0112-0157 - Weak but clear with call letters in slow, high-pitched code as soon as CBL's *O Canada* ended at 0112, continuing until 0115-40. Heavy QRM from Cuba and KRMG, but other code periods (each lasting about three minutes) started at 0133/4, 0138, 0149/4 and 0153. (SF-TN)

**KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 0100-0200 - Voice IDs listing city and power of 250 watts non-directional, slow code IDs, 1 kHz TT for one minute each TT, rotated in sequence throughout the test. Extremely weak, but got an armchair copy anyway because the frequency was dead. (TL-OH)

**KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 0105-0158 - Fair-good over/under SS QRM with many code IDs, tone, one lone voice ID heard at 0127 "This is KBOE, Oskaloosa, Iowa on the air conducting equipment tests on 740 kilohertz with 250 watts non-directional". KRMG absent mainly, some WSB stop. (JM-PA)

**KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 - Heard Morse code and tone between 0115-0150. (RM-CT)

**KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 0100-0200 - With voice IDs, 1 kHz TT and codes of 2.2 kHz code IDs. Code IDs easily read even before CBL sign-off. *Long 470*. (REH-ON)

**KBOE** IA Oskaloosa - 11/21 0100-0200 - Test tried for but not heard. (RA-MA)

**910 WHSM** WI Hayward - 11/9 - This test was scheduled for 11 pm their time, thusly not heard here. (RM-CT)

**990 WCAZ** IL Carthage - 11/14 - Tuned for, nothing heard. (JM-PA)

**1210 WILY** IL Centralia - 11/21 0230-0300 - Test tried for but not heard, WOGL covering channel. (RA-MA)

**WILY** IL Centralia - 11/21 0230-0300 - No sign of 'em. (SF-TN)

**WILY** IL Centralia - 11/21 0230-0300 - Not heard as WOGL dominates. (JL-OH)

**WILY** IL Centralia - 11/21 - Really hoped for, only WOGL. (JM-PA)

**1220 KCCS** OR Salem - 11/22 0530-0600 - Nothing but WKNR during random checks. (DB-DE)

**KCCS** OR Salem - 11/22 - DX test not heard. Up late, but checked 0515-0535, but noted only WKNR and UNID with NC News Network (WENC listed). (MH-NC)

KCCS

1250 KWSU

1270 KWSU

1270 WXYT

1500 WTEF

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## UNID AND UNID HELP

10/16 0640 - Re: LK-ON's UNID, according to the CBC list I have there is no CBOF relay on 710. However CBF 18-Parry, CBF1-Semeterre and CBF17-Loe Edouard all relay CBF, and CBSB-Ferment relays CBSI-FM. All are French CBC (actually SRC) relays in Quebec. Laurence will have to pick and choose. The only CBOF relay on AM is CBOF4-1400-Rolphon. Afraid this is a lot of useless info as it won't ID the station unless CBOF relays one of these. (SA-MB) (Shawn also mentions that he has a list that is accurate to 11/1/93 of all CBC/SRC AMs - db)

11/9 0700 - Poor fair in KMOX/WHIT null with news in French, not /CJBC-860 (rules out spur or image) and there are no Canadian stations on 1120. Perhaps ethnic-format WADN? But how many FF speakers could there be in Concord, MA? (MB-ON) (More likely WJST-DC with their new ETH format and CP - db)

## 0000 to 0800 ELT

**TN Blountville** - 11/22 0759 - Poor but clear ID after CW music under WENC/WHLO. (DB-DE)

**NJ Camden** - 11/10 0659 - Good over CKLW/CJBQ with promo for *Christian Business Guide*, ID at 0700 as "WTMR, Camden, New Jersey-Philadelphia, Where The Master Reigns at 800 on your AM dial, your favorite inspirational radio station", into *Pastor Bob Palmer* program. (MB-ON)

**VA Roanoke** - 11/20 0610 - On top with weather forecast followed by "Three W.R." sung ID and ad for *Roanoke Express* hockey. (REH-ON)

**GA Macon** - 11/12 0725 - Fair-poor with ID, *Limbough* morning update. Lost to WCPC at 0730. (MB-IN)

**MS Houston** - 11/12 0730 - Good with ID, local news, ad for *Roland True Value*. New. (MB-IN)

**DC Washington** - 11/14 0714 - "New World Radio, WJST, Washington." Then into *Tru Stone Church of Christ* service. Killer signal now with 20 kw; KMOX not even detectable here when on NE beverage. (RB-NC)

**AL Hazel Green** - 11/23 0716 - Excellent signal from southwest at sign-on with usual info and announcer promising "Christian radio" format then SSB. Covered up what, I believe, was WSAO which would have been new here. (RB-NC)

**OR Salem** - 11/22 0330-0400 - Not heard. Too much WKNR and splash from WCWA. (JL-OH)

**WA Pullman** - 11/20 0300-0400 - TTs of varying pitch, quite strong at times throughout the hour. At least I hope it was them as I left the antenna oriented to the southwest from a previous test. I guess that's what I get for being lazy and using a VCR to record all my tests! Good over/under WTAE. (JL-OH)

**WA Pullman** - 11/20 0300-0400 - Not heard. (SF-TN)

**WA Pullman** - 11/20 - No way with local WTAE and (JM-PA)

**MI Detroit** - 11/15 0130-0200 - In like a local (th) with regular schedule and quickie "WXYZ" code IDs at 0133, 0152 and 0158. (REH-ON)

**MI Detroit** - 11/15 - Did not appear to test with any code IDs or tone, just regular speed, did they know about this? (JM-PA) (See above log and last week's DDXD - db)

**CT Milford** - 11/22 0530-0600 - Nothing heard, just WTOP. (DB-DE)

**CT Milford** - 11/22 0530-0600 - Nope. (SF-TN)

**CT Milford** - 11/22 0535-0550 - Checked but WTOP was dominating the frequency. Could partially null WTOP, but only a weak UNID to the NW/SE noted. (MH-NC)

**CT Milford** - 11/22 0530-0600 - Nothing heard as WLOV and WTOP battle it out. (JL-OH)

**CT Milford** - 11/22 - Tried for, only WTOP. (JM-PA)

**CT Milford** - 11/20 0100-0200 - Not a trace. (SF-TN)

**MO Macon** - 11/20 0100-0200 - Not heard, only WQEW and WPAD along with a high-pitched bat which I mistook for TT at first. (JL-OH)

**MO Macon** - 11/20 - Tried for, only WQEW in strong, test could have ran 11/22 when WQEW was off. (JM-PA)

**MO Macon** - 11/20 - Not heard. (RM-CT)

**MO Macon** - 11/20 - Stead test not tried. (RA-MA)

**IA Fairfield** - 11/13 0100-0140 - Tried for but not heard. (RA-MA)

- WQBA** FL Miami - 11/23 0657 - Several IDs in Spanish (Yes, my Spanish is getting better out of necessity!) then "WQBA Miami" in English and back to SS saying "La Cubanista". Dominant signal to south. (RB-NC)
- WANN** MD Annapolis - 11/21 0730 - Fair in WOWO null with CW music, ID as "Big Country 1190" into "the latest WANN information update", local news and Baltimore traffic report. When did they go from black/urban to CW? (MB-ON) (It was first noted here last November - db)
- WPID** AL Piedmont - 11/16 0658 - Sign-on with complete info including fact they were on 500 wait pers followed by SSB. Been listening every sunrise for a week for this one to come up out of the mud enough to tell whether it was WPID or WWRG. (RB-NC)
- KFLO** LA Shreveport - 11/21 0700 - Sign-on beginning with woman saying "Good morning, this is KFLO Shreveport", next a man announcing "Gospel Radio 1300, KFLO Shreveport". (RB-NC)
- WKTA** IL Evanston - 11/17 0800 - Good over post WEYZ with triple-header ID: "WKTA Evanston-Northbrook-Chicago" into USA Radio news. Have heard them in several previous call letter incarnations; QSLed as WSSY in 1988. (MB-ON)
- WAMW** CT Meriden - 11/13 & 11/15 0100+ - Very good at times, becoming almost a night regular with "Stanford 1470" mentions. SNN news, local break at :06 over/under WXXW, pattern change? Report sent. (JM-PA)
- WSMN** NH Nashua - 11/21 0000 - Sign-off heard with SSB (RM-CT)
- WERA** NJ Plainfield - 11/21 0002 - Sign-off heard in the clear. (RM-CT)

### 0800 to 1600 ELT

- WVWS** NY Buffalo - 11/16 1551 - In WQBH null with motivational talk and "Three W S Money 1400" slogan. (REH-ON)

### 1600 TO 2400 ELT

- WNWC** NC Asheville - 11/16 1700-1730 - Faces in strong in WKBH null with ID "Western Carolina's number one country music station", ABC news, ads, CW music. (JM-PA)
- WILE** NC Raleigh - 11/23 1808 - Very good at times this evening in WKBH null over/under WVNC with UC/dance music and "Hot 57" slogan. (JM-PA)
- KSEV** TX Tomball - 11/19 1827 - Fair under WLVW with Rush Limbaugh, plug for ESPN weekends on "Super Talk Radio 700, KSEV", Houston traffic report and local news by woman, vanished at 1831 power and pattern change. (SF-TN)
- WNUF** TN Parts - 11/15 1742-1745 - Strong in WLVW null with ad, promo, funeral announcement and full sign-off mentioning address and Gary Benson, General Manager, veried in '86. (JM-PA)
- WCTS** MN Maplewood - 11/26 1625 - Good in WBBZ null with ID, REL music. (MB-IN)
- WLON** NC Lincolnton - 11/19 1747 - Good with local ads then back to "the Piedmont Superstation Radio Network", later 2052 with high school football. (JM-PA)
- KSSQ** TX Comroe - 11/20 1830 - Full info sign-off in WRVA null giving address as 300 Bryant Road and calling themselves "The station that plays traditional gospel music... we are the all new KSSQ Heaven 1140 AM". (REH-ON)
- WTTN** NC Tryon - 11/19 1712 - Good with local ads, REL message then back on UNID network and *Prayer Time*. (JM-PA)
- WGNV** NY Newburgh - 11/21 2231 - Fair with promo for local sports talk show on Monday evenings "on 1200 WGNV", ads, one mentioned Cornwall before fading. (DB-DE)
- WMLU** SC Greenville - 11/24 1711 - Good with weather forecast for western North Carolina and Georgia, temperatures given for Greenville/Spartanburg, Asheville and Charlotte, mention of "FM 94.5 and AM 1260". No call letters heard, but don't know who else this could be. (DB-DE)
- WADO** GA Commerce - 11/20 1700 - Up briefly at top of the hour with call letters and spot for *Automotive Parts and Supply* store in Commerce, church activities calendar, then fade away. (GVH-VA)
- WJJC** NY New York - 11/12 1830 - Strong signal with talk show in Spanish discussing the (then) upcoming vote on Puerto Rican statehood. Followed by ad for *HBO en Español*, singing female group with "Radio WADO" (pronounced as a word), then a deep male voice with call letter ID in English. (RB-NC)
- WBTG** AL Sheffield - 11/19 1900 - REL music and legal ID "WBTG-AM Sheffield, the Shoal's Love 1290". Alabama #155. (REH-ON)

1370 WARA

1370 WGCL

1410 WDOV

1490 WANA

WVGB

1530 KKCM

1540 CHIN

1610 WTAT

MA Attleboro - 11/22 1801 - In dogfight with WIAS but was able to copy a text of *The Emergency Broadcast System* then "If this had been a real emergency", etc. Call to station was answered by some cable company taking requests for movies??? - leaving me "addled". (RB-NC)

IN Bloomington - 11/20 1736 - Poor to good with promo for *Rush Limbaugh Show*, many "AM-13-70" slogans. Sung ID "WGCL, AM-13-70" into OLD. (GVH-VA)

DE Dover - 11/23 1800 - Shooting up through KOV null with "Serving central Delaware, we are WDOV-Dover, WYEH-Smyrna" to CNN news. (JM-PA)

AL Anniston - 11/19 2005 - USA Network news followed by "This is WANA Anniston Alabama" legal ID and weather forecast. (REH-ON)

SC Beaufort - 11/19 2038 - With "Percy Sledge by request on solid gold soul WVGK" followed by weather for Beaufort and area. (REH-ON)

MA Network news followed by "KKCM News". (REH-ON)

ON Toronto - 11/21 1801 - Excellent with Italian programming before the hour then "You're listening to CHIN AM, Toronto" in English. (RB-NC)

### OTHER STUFF

FL Anastasia State Recreation Area - A letter from Todd Roberts in South Carolina says he has heard this station with a tape loop closely approximating my "WPAT" UNID heard 10/25. An inquiry has been sent, and my thanks to Todd for his help! (MH-NC)

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# International DX Digest

**Jim Renfrew**  
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*Foreign DX catches. Times are UTC, for ELT, subtract 5 hrs.*

My apologies to Shawn and others for misplacing the sheet of TA loggings that went along with last week's Hawaii loggings. They appear here. Thanks to Werner Finkenhauser for detailed info about his reception of LRA 870 from Ontario.

I remind you that you can send loggings via e-mail to: "JimRenfrew@aol.com", although I have not had any luck sending files to CompuServe members, and at least one CompuServe member has not been able to send a file to me.

## TRANS-PACIFIC DX

739 TAHITI 11/4 1124-1205 - Poor under KCBS spikier with music program with Polynesian-sounding vocalists. After the hour, man and woman speaking French (WRTN does not list news in French at this time). [W-OR]

828 JAPAN Osaka, 11/16 1245 - Fair with Spanish lesson. This is a change - have heard this station often with English lessons, but never before any other language. [W-OR] (Everyone's getting ready for NAFTA, I guess) - Jim)

1566 SOUTH KOREA HLAZ Cheju, 11/17 1135-1150 - Fair to good with Korean talk and Western-style semi-classical instrumental music. [W-OR]

## PAN AMERICAN DX

535 TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS RVC South Caicos, 11/22 0601 - Good with English ID between Spanish religious programs. [SF-TN]

550 MEXICO XEPL Cd. Cuatemoc CHIH, 11/15 1158 - Fair in QRM with XE national anthem, sign-on or ID by man: "Transmite XEPL, La Superestacion, 550 kHz, 5 mil watts de potencia. Estudios y oficinas en Av. Morelos Fernando ...". I think all XE stations play the National Anthem at 6:00 AM local time, even if they're 24 hours. A nice full date ID usually follows the anthem. [OW-CO]

555 ST. KITTS ZIZ Basseterre, 11/1 0150-56 - Fair in English with Gospel music, preacher, gave address for "Old Time

Gospel Hour at 0155, religious talk until 0156 fade. [RSR-ON]

550 UNID, 11/24 0320 - poor, salsa music and Spanish talk, under WDEV/WGR/WICE, noted the past few nights. [BC-NH]

560 JAMAICA JBC R. One, Kingston, 11/20 0537 - good, telephone talk and reggae music. // 7400. [BC-NH]

595 DOMINICA DBS Hillsborough, 11/1 0202-0214 - Rock music, ID by Carib. accent man as "This is DBS, the time is now ten minutes after 10", said hello to a listener, 0214 fade. [RSR-ON]

600 CUBA R. Rebelde, Urbano Noris, 11/20 0525 - excellent, "Sonido Rebelde" ID, music and interview with local artist. [BC-NH]

650 COLOMBIA HIKH Bogota, 11/7 0344-0352 - Spanish vocals and accordions, bombing in with great signal, no WSM on loop, "Colombia en ...", trumpet music. [RSR-ON]

660 MEXICO XEAR Tampico TAMA, 11/22 0907 - Fair under WFAN with ranchera music, "La Mexicana" jingle and time check after each song. [SF-TN]

690 UNID BBC World Service, 11/26 2104-2132 - Heard weak in CBR null // BBC on shortwave. Suspect domestic, but who? Might this be Anguilla? [JR-NY]

700 JAMAICA JVB Radio 1, Montego Bay, 11/8 0306-0323 - Fair to good with Carib-accented male DJ with local concert promo on 11/9, local island reggae music. [RSR-ON]

720.15 NICARAGUA Managua, 11/19 0255 - Zero-beat this on USB just in time for a swell ID: "YNRC 720 kHz, transmite desde Managua, R. Catófica de Nicaragua, La Emisora de la Iglesia"; then a few seconds later, "Cantemos y exaltemos a la Virgen María, como 'na ... del más profundo amor ..." and into choral singing, pastor spoke at 0300. Ticked pink with this, and nice to hear Murphy for a change. New catch, YN #21 Call definitely given as YNRC, not YNACE as per WRTN. [OW-CO]

740 CUBA R. Progreso, 11/21 0620 - good, ID with address "Radio Progreso, Apartado 30-42", Spanish ballads. [BC-NH]

750 JAMAICA Port Maria, 11/8 0615 - Poor in QRM, but definitely // to 700, which I did ID, so I'm counting it! Woman with talk program on land values, took a couple of phone calls. JAM #2. [OW-CO]

750 MEXICO XEOH Cd. Camargo CHIH, 11/12 1301 - Nice ID by man "Escucha U.A. XEOH, O-H, 750 Numerical Mágico (?) ... con mil watts de potencia efectiva radial". Fair, no ORM. [OW-CO]

780 VENEZUELA YVANA R. Coro, 11/7 Good with male DJ, long Spanish talk, IDs, lively Spanish pops and percussion music. [RSR-ON]

834 ST. KITTS R. Paradise, 11/13 0130-0113 - Fair with English preacher with religious talk, TBN's "Raise-a-Thon", Anaheim CA address, mixed with WCCO. [RSR-ON]

860 MEXICO XECCN Cancun QR, 11/14 0100-0210 - A top at times during aural conditions. Tracking a live Paul Simon album with ads and announcements only on the hour and half-hour. 0103 and 0202 full taped ID by woman with seagull sounds in background. ID included call, "Radio Caribe" slogan and mention of 5 kW power. Archaic copy on peaks until CIBC began returning at 0210. Noted twice the following week during mild aurores, so should be widely heard. Is this Mexico's easternmost AM station? [SF-TN] (Looks like it. You're the first to report it in DXD - Jim)

910R SAN ANDRÉS HJMY, San Andrés, 11/9 0528 - Heard during fruitless try for WHSM test with frequent "RCN" mentions and "RCN, la radio de Colombia" at 0528, over WTMZ/WALT/WBRJ. With this island belonging to Colombia, but lying 120 miles off Nicaragua, do DXers regard it as part of South America, Central America or the Caribbean? Location presumed per WRTN, which lists it as 1 kW in front section, and 30 kW in the back. [SF-TN] (Ah ... country counting! I do believe that San Andrés is considered to be a separate country on most lists. The only difficulty comes in determining if San Andrés is the only RCN outlet on this frequency. I would send a report to

San Andrés AND the RCN HQ and see what they say. Perhaps César o Don can give a listen on this frequency, too. If San Andrés, a very nice catch! - Jim)

870 ARGENTINA LRA, 11/12 0600 - 1 had a

beautiful segment with 5 pips and beep then spoken ID -- all on tape (a copy and a report is already in the hands of Ivan Barrera). Also on 11/19, but under poorer conditions, had the same program (man & woman, lots of talk, playing musical vocals) with pips at 0530, again at 0600. Heard a third time (generally poor) on 11/22, with Mar Carib going off and a weak WWL -- then pips at 0500, fanfare and news read by a man and woman, then 5 minutes of varied light music and lots of talk by the man and woman. At 0534 the man made a program announcement which included "Musica Nacional....". Both sets of tim pips were heard at 0530 and 0600. One thing that I've noticed (in at three recent logs) is that they have some sort of telephone prom around 0547. There are phone-ton sounds in the spot. I've noticed that the half-hour pips always play atop music or talk but at the hour, there is a distinct lead in. Most recently heard ... on República Argentina (I heard ... then pips fanfare/ID as "L hora... then pips fanfare/ID as "L division nuevas de Radio Nacional presenta...." followed by news. B 0607, WWL's C&W blows it away. Fortunately before then WWL has religious call-in show. "You can hear in through talk but not through rock!" All told, I've logged LRA-1 seven times in the past 5 years. T summarize: Hourly - 5 pips and a beep ending exactly at 0500, 0600 Half-hourly - 2 pips and a beep ending exactly at 0530. WWL has talk in the 0500-0600 segment HJNS-Mar Carib signs-off at 0500 [W-F-ON] (Thanks, Werner, for the detailed info to help others get this one. Before WHCU went full-time some years ago, I heard the pips but no ID, so I'm still looking - Jim)

890 CUBA R. Progreso, 11/7 0410-0420 - Fairly lively music/vocal, man yells "Ritmo" many times. Cuban rhythms/vocals faded under WLS a 0420. [RSR-ON]

920 MEXICO XETAA Torreon COAH, 11/11 0101 - Poor in QRM with ID by man







# Formats

*Changes in programming status; reported by listeners*

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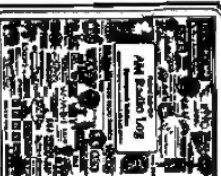
Dave Schmidt writes that WING-1300, in Irving Township (Trenton), New Jersey, has dropped its Black gospel format in favor of oldies, in a local marketing agreement with WMMR-1350, just up the road in Princeton. WING with very rustic studios (rundown is perhaps more accurate - some years ago, the local board of health closed them down because the toilet would not work!) and a four tower array in a field in Washington Crossing, Pa., perhaps has the most spartan quarters of any broadcast facility in the country. Dave also notes that WBBB-560, Philadelphia goes to a brokered religion format on November 1, with its sale to Salem Communications.

And here is our column, courtesy of Dave and the W Street Journal. Thank you very much!

680	WOCG MI Hallie	- Beach Southern Gospel (M).
810	WYRE MD Annapolis	- "Voice of the Bay" AC/oldies with real live DJ's (DS).
960	WTGM MD Salisbury	- "The Game" SMN Sports (DS).
980	WGPA GA Perry	- SMN Urban Gold (M).
1050	WTCA IN Plymouth	- SMN Oldies (M).
1060	KUKO AZ Tempe	- Talk (M).
1210	WOCG PA Philadelphia	- Adds SMN Sports (M).
1230	WOCG SC Columbia	- SMN Urban Gold (M).
1290	WGLI WI Sparta	- Classic country music (M).
1310	WVIC IN Indianapolis	- SMN Urban Gold, Gospel, talk (M).
1310	WABC PA Bedford	- All talk as of 10/1 (M).
1340	KATV NV Las Vegas	- UNIC CNN Headline News (M).
1350	WMEI AL Monticelloville	- Country music/FM (X).
1370	KAWL NE York	- UNIC country music (M).
1400	KIDD CA San Luis Obispo	- Drops home shopping for CSM Pre-teen (M).
1400	WVCY PA Harrisburg	- "The Touch" SMN adult standards as of 9/27 (DS).
1400	WEPF TN Kingsport	- SMN adult standards (M).
1450	WODZ NY Rome	- Oldies//FM (M).
1450	KRET TX Palestine	- UNIC CNN Headline News (M).
1460	KEND NV Las Vegas	- SMN Sports (M).
1470	WFMN MI Flint	- Talk (M).
1470	WYOL TN Berry Hill	- SMN Urban Gold (M).
1490	WALP AL Decatur	- Talk (M).
1490	KTOB CA Petaluma	- JSM adult contemporary (M).
1490	KOCB TN Chattanooga	- Beach Southern Gospel (M).
1510	KELF TX Robston	- Country//FM (M).
1560	KRGQ TX Dalingertfield	- Adult contemporary (M).
1570	KCTA AB Taber	- Country music (M).
1570	WTKZ NS Bay Springs	- SMN Real Country//FM (M).
1580	WMMW IN Washington	- Beach Southern Gospel (M).
1590	WETN MD Ocean City	- /WFG-99.9 6:00am to 10:00am, talk, news, and sports the rest of the day (DS).
1590	WRTF TN Jonesborough	- SMN Standards//WEPF-1400 (M).
1590	KXOK TX Houston	- Urban gold and talk (M).

And that is our column for this week. Do get your contributions in to your FORMATS Column!

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# Station Profile

*A special feature about a unique station*

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An upbeat, lively "The Power - 1480-AM" identifies WKKND, which has been the only full service voice for Hartford, Connecticut's Black community for almost 25 years. WKKND, licensed to the Hartford suburb of Windsor, daily offers its audience in Windsor (demographically over 50% Black), Bloomfield, and the capital city, with a population of over 150,000, a daily format of talk, local news, urban contemporary music, and an hour of gospel music each week day. As a result, WKKND's signal is a welcome companion in many area homes.

WKKND originally signed on the air as W50R, from a small studio building on Bloomfield Avenue, in 1961. The 500 watt daytime directional station also broadcast from a tiny structure at its transmitter site, in a field off Bloomfield Avenue, in the northern part of Windsor. The original format was a mix of country and western music and ethnic (primarily Polish) programming.

The tiny station was sold in 1964 and the new owners changed the call to W5W - for East Hartford - Windsor. The country / ethnic format stayed, but again failed to build an audience or attract sponsors. The station was again sold in 1969, to a group headed by Kenneth Dawson. The call sign was changed to WKKND for its new owner, and he replaced the faltering country music format with rhythm and blues, which quickly appealed to the region's previously untapped Black community. In the early 1970's, the present studios and offices were built in rooms in the rear of the Windsor Shopping Center, and WKKND added a full time news department.

Through its almost quarter century as a Black - oriented station, WKKND has offered a variety of urban contemporary, rhythm and blues, gospel, jazz, reggae, and rap music. In 1990, as the station's marketing strategy targets 25-54 year olds, the rap was dropped. The station presently airs news from the Sheridan - Urban America network. Additionally, realizing that WKKND's audience wants more than music, General Manager Marlon Anderson has added many programs on community issues, local news and topics of concern to the area's Black community. "Urban Agenda" is aired on Saturdays, and is hosted by the local Urban League Director.

WKKND's information commitment includes morning announcer Eddie Jordan's show with traffic, and sports. Power 1480's news staff includes News Director Lloyd Winbush, and four full and part time news reporters, who aggressively cover events of interest to throughout Hartford and the surrounding areas.

WKKND carries many remote broadcasts, and offers a "Power Card" promotion. Holders of WKKND "Power Cards" can receive discounts from area merchants.

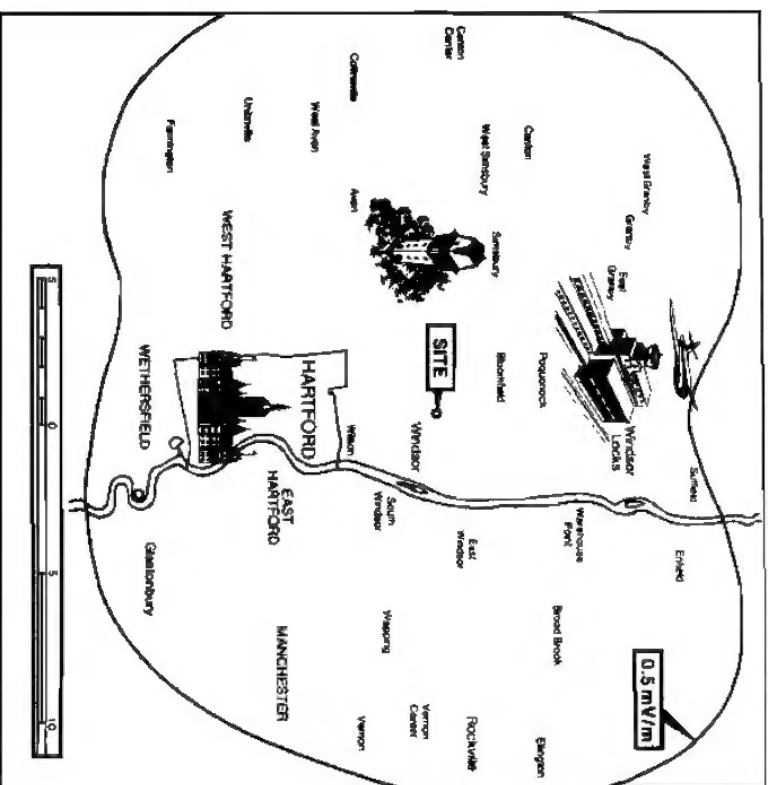
WKKND also serves its listeners with a job line, offering employment opportunities twice daily, the Legal Minute, Health Update with Dr. Fred Adams, and its Minority Business Report. One "Good Morning" hour of gospel music is heard daily, and Sunday morning is given to five hours of doo-wop music, followed by reggae music and jazz in the afternoon.

WKKND has been owned since 1981 by Hartcom, Inc. The Windsor Shopping Center facility includes a large control room (with picture window overlooking a pedestrian walkway), a production studio, offices, and a news room.

General Manager Marlon Anderson has built her career with WKKND. In her role as traffic department secretary, she organized a fairly loosely run section, and progressed through increasing responsibilities in sales, production, and public service. In 1989, she was promoted to General Manager, and developed WKKND's full service approach for its audience. She manages a staff of 23 full and part time employees.

WKKND's transmitter is still at the original site, off a dirt road south of Bloomfield Avenue. The original building houses the transmitter, a control booth, and space for the attendant. The 500 watt daytime signal, with no pre-empt or post-empt authorizations, originating from two very old towers, covers a 33 town area, populated by over 650,000 people. The signal is

## COVERAGE MAP



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directional east and west, blanketing Windsor, Bloomfield, and Hartford. WYND must protect WYND-1470, in Meridan, and WACM-1490, a few miles north, in West Springfield, Massachusetts.

WKED is an excellent example of a full service urban station which knows its audience's needs, and responds to them in a timely, effective manner. WKED's business objective is best described by the station motto "The Music You Want and The Information You Need".

The editor extends a hearty "Thank You" to WKND GM Marion Brown for her help in preparing this station profile.

## Improvements to Regenerative Tuner Designs

**By Mark Connolly - WALTON**

Regenerative tuners / preselectors have the ability to provide gain and selectivity improvements that frequently allow the reception of weak DX signals that could not be detected otherwise. My previous regenerative tuner articles (e.g. AP1-3, MW1-1, MW2-2) go into considerable detail on the value of this method and ways to implement it.

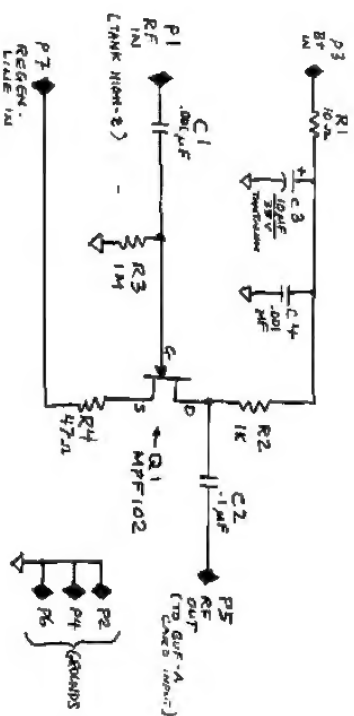
Ken Cornell of the Longwave Club of America has done much innovative research in this area. Variations of his designs are the basis of the REE family of Regenerative Front-End cards - the heart of my MWT tuners. The most recent of these cards, RFE-C, has good performance with low-level signals. Signal generator / oscilloscope and urban spur tests on RFE-C indicate that its strong-signal performance could use some improvement. The major contributor to clipping / distortion on strong signals is the 2N3904 (or 2N2222) NPN output transistor, not the MPF102 input FET. The output transistor's main role is to transform the FET's output impedance (approximately 1K) down to 50 ohms and to provide a bit of voltage gain in the process.

My recent work with the BUF-A Buffer

**Amplifier circuit, using the National Semiconductor LH0033CQ, pointed the way out of these overloading problems. A regenerative front-end just consisting of the FE1 and a few passive components can be put ahead of a BU-F-A card. Thus the RFE-D card was born. This single-transistor regenerative front-end is only meant to be used ahead of the BU-F-A, not to be operated alone. A schematic is shown in Figure 1. A physical layout drawing is not included because of the circuit's simplicity. Figure 2 shows a typical application in a simple medium-wave regenerative tuner suitable for amplifying the RF from a loop, long-wire, active whip, or phasing unit. The reader is advised to consult the article "BU-F-A Buffer Amplifier Card: A Valuable Building Block for DX Projects" for full documentation of the BU-F-A circuit.**

Results using the RFE-D / BUFA combination are a vast improvement over the RFE-C. Gain is higher and much more signal can be handled before distortion occurs. This set-up is more "crunchproof" than the front ends of many receivers, largely because of the high Q achievable with regenerative tuning.

**FIGURE 1:**  
**RFE-D REGENERATIVE FRONT-END CIRCUIT**  
**(SCHEMATIC)**

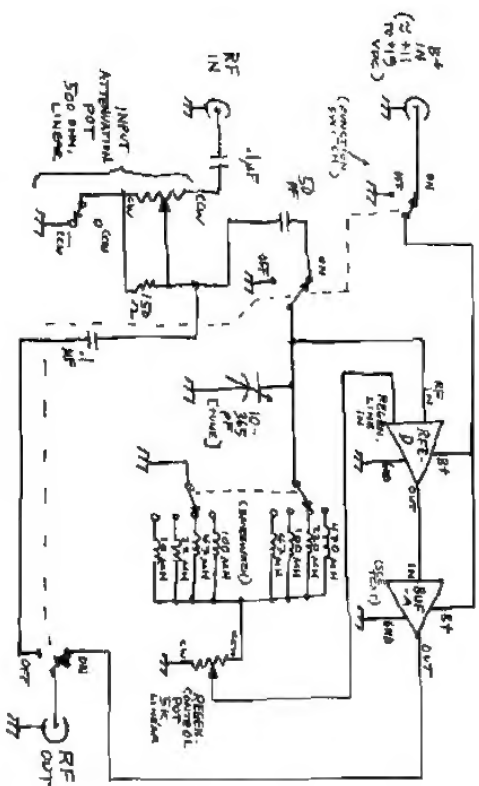


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FIGURE 2: SIMPLE MEDIUM-WAVE TUNER USING RFE-D (SCHEMATIC)



# Geomagnetic Summary

High "A" values indicate possible auroral conditions

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Geomagnetic Summary October 31 1993 through November 27 1993

Date	FLUX	A	K	SA	GEO	OTHER
10/31	91	4	2	LOW	quiet	-
11/1	91	7	1	LOW	quiet	-
2	93	3	0	VERY LOW	quiet	-
3	94	8	5	LOW	quiet-mis	-
4	96	40	2	VERY LOW	unsettled-mis	-
5	96	20	3	VERY LOW	quiet-mis	was 2400
6	97	21	4	VERY LOW	active	end mis 0600
7	95	18	3	VERY LOW	quiet-active	-
8	92	14	3	VERY LOW	unsettled	-
9	90	8	3	VERY LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
10	90	9	0	VERY LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
11	89	4	2	moderate	quiet	-
12	91	4	2	moderate	quiet	-
13	94	9e	2	LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
14	94	9	2	LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
15	102	8	2	VERY LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
16	100	7	3	LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
17	100	5	1	VERY LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
18	103	16	6	LOW	quiet-active	-
19	101	20	3	LOW	quiet-storm	-
20	100	7	2	LOW	quiet-unsettled	-
21	97	4	1	VERY LOW	quiet	-
22	99	3	2	LOW	quiet	-
23	100	4	2	VERY LOW	quiet	-
24	100	2	1	LOW	quiet	-
25	97	3	2	LOW	quiet	-
26	93	9	1	LOW	quiet	-
11/27	90	2	0	VERY LOW	quiet	-

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# Musings

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Thoughts from NRC members ... the opinions expressed in this column are those of the individual writer and do not necessarily reflect those of the editors, publishers, or the National Radio Club, Inc.

RON MUSCO - BOX 118 - POCORONCK, CT 06064 (MANNING - MAY BE RATED PG13) - I was honored Friday 11/19 about 3PM by returning home from work in the pouring rain and finding DAVE SCHMIDT & AL MERRIMAN sitting in my basement. I promptly returned to work. We went out to a pizza joint and then looked at a lot of verities. Al had brought me a new phasing unit and we experimented with that and I tried for the KRLI-1550 TEST with them looking over my shoulder but no luck. MOEM was strong. Easier in the evening. Al heard St. Vincent-705 with good audio at times and fair audio at times from Montserrat-885. Numerous Spanish speakers were all over the dial. They departed about 1:30 AM and returned at 9AM for the sejour to ROCKET RAYS in Acushnet Saturday afternoon. A great time was had and MARK CONNELLY again impressed me with his Drake R8 and phasing unit. This guy is a great asset to DXers and you don't know what your missing if you don't have a phasing unit in your shack. ERC was there. GLENN COOPER, THE "BRUISER" BRUCE CONY, BORTON O. ZACKS, BOB STONIER, WARREN G. et al. I then proved my driving prowess once again by finding my way home without getting lost! SCHMIDT was a great help by not helping! So there we were, at the annex, finding conditions still awful and SCHMIDT promptly hears 3 on 1590 in 30 minutes! MSNM sign off with the Star Spangled Banner at 12:30AM, change your off at 12:02AM, and non stop hymns from WABD which ided at 12:30AM, change your log on at 11:3. Well, down to 740 for the KSOE test, CBL finally signed off at 1:10AM leaving a Venezuelan (?). Patient listening paid, Al wanted to go back to the 1:10AM, Musco producing, Schmidt sleeping but it did produce more code IDs and some tone before we quit at 1:55AM. Upon their leaving, I once again got down on my hands and knees giving thanks I survived (deleted). Much to my chagrin, they returned Sunday morning for tearful goodbyes. A great time was had and we said we'll do it again next year (but Naheua first!). (Merr-DMS)

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I'd like to thank ROBERT RUSH, JOHN MALICKY, CHARLES HARRISON & ANDY RING for their recent communications by letter, maybe a trip to the Lower Deck next year gentlemen? Speaking of the Lower Deck, our most recent Thanksgiving get-together was attended by ERNIE COOPER, BURTON ZACKS, WARREN GREENBROOK, BOB & PATTY STONIER, MARK & MIKE CONNELLY, GLENN COOPER, International DXer & 1994 Convention host BRUCE CONY, 1993 convention host RON MUSCO, ALAN MERRIMAN, DAVE SCHMIDT & TOM DEKTON (our apologies if we left anyone out). This is a very low end and informal get-together we enjoy hosting and Alene and I thank you for attending. We enjoyed the company of all! Only DX done this season is chasing after DX TESTS with mixed results. There have been many good CPC TESTS this season but only a handful have been noted here, most notable was the KATL-770 TEST on 10/25 for MT #2. Other TESTS have been heard including WELC-1150, WTL-670, WBCA-1330, WSSH-1510 & KDAI-610. All other TESTS were either unneeded or not heard. Verities are back from CUPX-580, WTL-670-TEST, MUP-1000 & WELC-1150-TEST. Best wishes for this Christmas and the New Year! (Thanks for the enjoyable time, Ray, even the coffee was great!-DMS)

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I & 11 others had a great time at RAY & ARLENE ARRUDA's annual Saturday Thanksgiving bash at his "Lower Deck". There were NRCERS from 6 different states attending: MA, NH, RI, CT, NJ, DE & VA, including our humble MUSINGS editor! (Needed to talk to the COACH!-DMS) ARLENE made some delicious meat pies & rice, and everybody was happy with the food & drink! Some verities have come in 2 months ago! (11/23) WZNR-1460, WTKX-1040, WYTC-1390, WJIR-740 (for a report of 14 months ago!) and WNN-1110, making the total 4439, 5 to go for my goal! Let me make it perfectly clear (a la Nixon!), the majority of my verities were obtained from reception in Brooklyn, NY. I did not start a new log when I retired and moved here to Provincetown, and I do count call changes. That's the way virtually everybody did it when I first started DXing in 1931! As I mentioned in my last MUSING I retired for WNN-1390 on Sunday AM 11/7 with local WELM off but they seem also to have a Sunday silent period. WNN2 was in complete charge of 1990. 11/8, my 2nd "wild" was noted with a woefully weak signal on 1620, IDing as "CT Dept. of Transportation", with mentions of car pooling, traffic, etc. RON MUSCO is going to send me the address to try for a verity from this one, they were noted 1:22AM & on, sometimes fading completely out. 11/9 WNCX-1070 atop at 4:46PM, incidental-ly, the carrier noted every morning on 1070 belongs to CMA. Unneeded WNN-1520 was in at 5:27PM with WNR only a whisper in auroral conditions. But at 5:29PM, still on 1520, I called WNR for a report, this is a station I often listened to

when I was in Frederickstad, VI, nice music, all announcements in Spanish. 11/12 WNN-1110 in Spanish and on top at 4:23PM, reported. The verity, however, says what's verified is my reception of their test of last season, which I couldn't hear! 11/17 WNR-750 "Elephant", PA riding in nicely for a report at 4:25PM. 11/19, a real surprise, as on 980, I stumbled on to WAAV at 1AM with Jim Bohannon and a local ID in auroral conditions. Then on 1520, WNCX was barreling in 4:51-5:17PM when all of a sudden, they faded out and in roared WNRB, it seemed the auroral conditions ended abruptly and things returned to normal. Somebody said at RAY's get-together that WNCX-550 had a silent period on Sunday AM's, not so, they were on all night Sunday 11/21 as I looked for WNR. And that is where we stand DX wise as of 11/23. I had the pleasure of airing the world premier performance of the brand new "WOMR March" on my show on Sat. 11/20 on WNR-91.9 before taking off for Acushnet! Have great holidays, everybody & FORWARD - MARKH!

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--- Greetings again! Recently returned from a 6 week trip, a month of game viewing & travel in Africa (Kenya, Zimbabwe & Botswana) and a week on each end of that visiting in the E. I also took a Sony ICR750, with LW, MW & FM bands along for the ride and found that DXing in Africa is another different experience! In Kenya, most of my DX opportunities were in the Sabarwa Game Reserve in N central Kenya and the Maasai Mara Game Reserve in SW Kenya during mid afternoon breaks from game drives. There are 2 predominant "networks" run by the Kenya Broadcasting Company, one in English & the other in Kiswahili, which have several repeater stations around the country. The strongest seemed to be Nairobi (English on 746 & Kiswahili on 612) but others were noted (in English), Meru-900, Nyeri which is listed on 1368 but seemed to be higher, (in Kiswahili) Meru-702, Garissa-720, the 846 Western Kenya station, Kisumu on 954 & Nyeri on 1017. Also noted was a non-network station in Kisumu on 557. In Zimbabwe, there appear to be no MW stations on the air (the Zimbabwean "Look & Listen" magazine only shows VHF FM radio frequencies), and in Harare, the daytime AM dial was completely vacant! In Victoria Falls, the only 2 stations that were listenable during the day were Zambian stations in Livingstone (English-927 & African Dialects-729), 2 others were barely audible, 648 (probably from Botswana) & 819 (probably from Zambia). Did have a chance to do a bit of night listening, mostly from the Vic. Falls area and from a camp near Hwange NP. Stations noted included lots of South Africans (Strongest were Radio 702 & Bophuthatswana-1098), the BBC relay in Lesotho-1197, recently logged by MARK CONNELLY (an excellent catch indicating that it might be possible to hear some other stronger S African stations on the E Coast), the TFM outlet on 1170 in Swaziland, the VOA station in Botswana-621, and other Botswana stations on 648 & 977, another VOA station around 1521 and Malawi on 594, 675 & 756. One strong, UNID station was "Nation Radio" around 747 (this was quite interesting because of the liquor & cigarette ads that were run, quite a departure from here!). Again, we were hampered by a good, up-to-date log (used a 92 MWVH, pretty good but not complete) and it would also have been nice to have had more time to ID some of the many non-English stations heard. No DXing done locally yet, am still catching up on the mail, bills, etc., that accumulate after 6 weeks away. Hope to get more active in the next couple weeks, though.

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--- Don't get to do to much sunset DXing this time of year as I am usually outside "winterizing" beverages, feed lines, etc. I'm pretty faithful at sunrise, though, and it has been quite productive. Purchased & installed 2 brand new but DEFECTIVE beverage antenna switches from Unadilla which, until discovered, cost me a good deal of time trying to track down what I thought were either feed line or impedance matching transformer problems. Things are working as intended now and I'm having a ball making stations appear & disappear with the flip of a switch! 11/14, KNOX-1120 was not even detectable on the WB beverage while MNT was booming in. By the way, I've recently had (and am always glad to answer) questions about my system. Total now stands at 835 logged from Shelby since 5/92 using them exclusively. Received a letter from JOHN & LINDA POMER in Sun City Center, FL who appear to have settled down there. JOHN bestowed the fact he couldn't get a 1500 MILE LONG beverage antenna to work, apparently he tied into the tracks of a local railroad! I wrote back, telling them they had to be AN-Trac to be any good! Regarding line noise problems and solutions, I'm very fortunate here in that the gentleman who assigns crews to fix line noises for Duke Power Co. is also an amateur radio operator. So far, I've been able to get nearly "next day" service from them. I just leave my DX400 on the back porch, they come, use it to locate the noise and fix it! Very 73 till next time!

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--- I coast members, have you noticed the poor night signal from WNR-1500? For many years, it was a listenable local like signal here, now very rarely heard! Having heard WNR at ROK's last week, I've been trying here and have heard the SSB at midnight, still nothing for a report, though. Being that our DX space is at a premium, please keep your MUSINGS to DX related material, items such as ratings, etc. will be edited. That's it - CUNT - 73 (JFE)